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Elba chooses next mayor

Elba voters went to the polls Tuesday, Oct. 6, to decide the city's next mayor, and at the end of the day, the unofficial vote revealed Tom Maddox as the winner of the Elba Municipal Run-off Election.

These results remain unofficial until Monday, Oct. 12, when the Elba City Council will canvas the election results from the runoff. This will be done during the regular council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

A total of 605 in-person votes were cast on Tuesday with 320 going to Maddox and 285 votes for Tim Johnson. There also were 29 total absentee votes - Maddox had 19 of those votes while Johnson had 10 absentee votes.

Total of all votes was 339.



Current Elba City Councilman Tom Maddox won the election Tuesday to be the next mayor of Elba.

votes for Maddox [53.47 percent], and 295 votes [46.53 percent] for Johnson.

After learning the results of the election, Maddox said all he could say at the moment was "thank you."

Elba City Schools receives \$25,000 grant for Career Tech program

Elba City Schools received notice last week that it had been awarded a Career Technical Education/Workforce Development grant in the amount of \$25,000. Up to four awards were available to be awarded to schools in each Workforce Development Region. Elba is in Region 6.

"The grant's purpose was to provide funding to expand career and technical programs within schools," said Elba City School Career Technical director Christina Morgan. "The grant Elba received will enable us to purchase four Guidewell live welding simulators that will be used with both Elba and Coffee County students attending classes through the Elba Career Academy at Elba."

CCBOE approves personnel matters during Oct. 1 meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Oct. 1, for the regular monthly meeting, during which Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth provided a quick COVID-19 update for the county school system.

Killingsworth said his weekly COVID report had gone out to Coffee County EMA the day prior [Sept. 30th] as it is given each Wednesday. He said over the week leading up to last Wednesday, the county schools had three additional cases of COVID-19 reported. This included one faculty member at Zion Chapel and two students at New Brockton High School.

"This brings our total number of cases to 21 since the start of school eight weeks ago," Killingsworth said. "We want to applaud our faculty and staff at each of our schools for doing their very best to keep all our students, employees, and guests safe. When we began school on Aug. 10th, there were many who

doubted we would still be in school at this point."

Killingsworth said he continues to urge visitors to the schools or extracurricular activities to follow all safety protocols when on the campuses and/or attending school functions.

The board approved three personnel matters presented as recommendations from the superintendent. All three matters approved were for resignations.

The resignation of Josie Kitch, teacher at Kinston School, was approved. Her last day will be Friday, Oct. 9th.

The resignation of Jennifer Kyser, child nutrition worker at New Brockton High School, was approved. She actually will retire effective Nov. 1st, according to the approved paperwork.

The resignation of Raymond Phillips, bus driver for New Brockton, was approved with his last day being Sept. 30th.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Nov. 5, at 5:30 p.m.



New Band Director's Tower dedicated on Elba City Schools campus...

Monday evening, Oct. 5, was a special night for the Elba Marching Tiger Band program as the new band director's tower, located on the band's practice field on the Elba City Schools campus, was officially dedicated. The tower was constructed by band parent and Elba supporter Johnny Senn. A secret kept by Senn from all was his intent to dedicate the new tower to the late Brooke Chapman. Brooke was a young member of the Elba Marching Tiger Band when she passed away Jan. 1, 2016 at the age of 13. She loved being an Elba Tiger and had dreams of one day being the band's drum major. Senn revealed during Monday night's dedication ceremony that he had dedicated the new tower as the Brooke Chapman Tower. Brooke's parents, Jim and Laurie Chapman, along with her younger brother, Bradley [a current member of the band] were all present for this special moment. Band director Shaun Hammonds said this year's seniors were the last in the current band to have marched with Brooke - she would have graduated with the Class of 2020 in May. Both Senn and Hammonds were teary-eyed as the spoke on how important Brooke was to the Elba band program, and how her legacy will continue forever.



The new band director's tower on practice field at Elba High School was officially dedicated Monday night. The new tower was constructed by band parent Johnny Senn, and he chose to officially dedicate the tower as the Brooke Chapman Tower in memory of Brooke. Band members and others are shown above waving to a drone that was taking pictures/video during the ceremony. Senn thanked those who helped make the construction of the new tower a success through various donations.



Elba superintendent Chris Moseley stands atop 'the hill' of the Elba City Schools campus Tuesday morning. Moseley recently received an excellent superintendent's evaluation and said his career goal remains to stay at Elba until he retires from education.

After receiving an excellent superintendent evaluation

Chris Moseley says it remains his goal to retire from Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley recently received the results of a superintendent evaluation, and the remarks were good for the local education system.

Moseley, Dr. Wright is a state evaluator for education.

"It was in my superintendent's contract for me to be evaluated," Moseley said. "With a contract renewal upcoming for me, the board wanted to get the evaluation done prior to discussing a new contract."

According to the report presented by Dr. Wright during a recent work session for the Elba BOE, Superintendent Moseley scored 47 points out of a possible 52 overall points.

"You are to be commended for your outstanding administrative performance in every area," Wright said of Moseley. "You have demonstrated excellence in eight of the knowledge and skills areas and demonstrated strength in five areas. Your leadership and commitment have supported academic excellence in your school system."

Moseley said evaluations are something he has always looked forward to as a teacher and now as an administrator in education.

"I know my teachers love to hear me say this," he said with a smile. "We've all got to be evaluated. We're not perfect. I am not perfect."

Moseley said he and Dr. Wright had discussed him getting more professional

development in collaboration and assessment.

Moseley said he is the first to admit that he is human, and he makes mistakes. He said he deserves to be evaluated and teachers deserve to be evaluated because at the end of the day education is about doing what is best for the students.

"I've had the privilege of having some great mentors along the way in my career to help make me better," Moseley said. "There is always something to improve upon, and I plan on taking this evaluation from Dr. Wright and working to improve upon it as well."

Dr. Wright said Moseley has done an outstanding job in always looking for ways to highlight and profile accomplishments of the system. He said Moseley continues to demonstrate a positive vision and mission for the system.

The superintendent said he looks forward with working with Dr. Wright. He said they have already identified a couple of areas in which he can get more professional development to improve upon as Elba's superintendent of school.

"I have no intentions of leaving Elba," Moseley said. "My family has that place to call home here, and

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During last Thursday's monthly Coffee County Board of Education meeting, superintendent Kevin Killingsworth said the New Brockton Football Stadium project was nearing completion. This photo provides a look at some of the renovations made via this project, including new home stands at Gamecock Stadium.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead." - Thomas Paine

Elkin Williamson died Friday, another victim of COVID-19. It is heartbreaking to know anyone dies of this virus, but when it someone you know so well, you can easily get mad. We have experienced that several times during the past six months. It is not something one becomes accustomed to – it just makes folks like us – madder that 'good' folks are dying through no fault of their own. Clearly it is something we as individuals can't solve, but we can give our solid support to those with the smarts and tools to find either a cure or a magic potion that will prevent the continuing spread of this madding and often fatal pandemic. Meanwhile we suggest everyone resolve to double down on the known actions that reduce the chance of becoming another victim.

As thousands of online reference guide users have recently learned, the dictionary defines "schadenfreude" as "enjoyment obtained from the troubles of others". If you are experiencing schadenfreude over the COVID-19 illness of the president of the United States and his wife (or anyone else), please don't admit it to us. May we suggest you squelch those thoughts completely or save them to a more appropriate event, such as election loss. If that happens, you will be in the company of millions of other Americans and doing something that is done by one side or the other following every election. Even then you should be grateful that the individual played a pivotal part in upholding the 'American Way' of governing our great country.

It is not unusual with high profile individuals that announcements of their health issues are embellished to soften the seriousness of the problem. Usually it is actually none of our business in the first place, but Americans are nosy and usually genuinely concerned. It is a bit different this time when the patient is the president of the United States, Donald Trump. Each of us fellow Americans has a dog in that hunt. Doctors and White House staff members are giving conflicting statements to the news media on Trump's symptoms, extent of his illness, etc., perfectly in line with traditional 'news' announcements about the health of presidents, movie stars and such. Accept it and wait for the dust to settle and we then are more than likely get an accurate report with the (almost) complete details of his health scare.

By the time you read this, Elba will have a new mayor. Tim Johnson and Tom Maddox are the two run-off candidates in Tuesday's election. Only five votes separated them in the 1st election. Their race is the only one on the ballot, as the council positions were settled without an election, with only one candidate qualified for each of the five council seats. As we mentioned above, both deserve a pat on the back (handshakes must wait until after COVID-19) for unselfishly offering four years of service on behalf of their friends and neighbors in good old Elba, Alabama.

Be Safe - wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing. We want each of you around to agree or disagree with our comments for a long time to come!

EDITORIAL



Kinston High students elect their Homecoming Court for 2020... Shown on the back row is Sarah Beth Long, 2020 Homecoming Queen. In the next row left to right are Addi Musgrave, senior attendant, and Abby Courson, senior attendant. Attendants in the next row left to right are Brooke Senn, junior attendant, and Claire McReynolds, sophomore attendant. On the front row is Emma Turner, freshman attendant. The queen and her court will be presented at halftime during the homecoming game against McKenzie this Thursday night, Oct. 8th.

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they agree with me that Elba is where we want to be. Therefore, I am going to continue to be the best superintendent I can be for Elba City Schools."

While the Moseley said he is always proud of scores improving and seeing students successful, he said he also is proud that Elba City Schools has been able to make improvements to its buildings recently from funds approved by state legislators.

"We have been able to remove original carpet from 17 classrooms and get those rooms tiled," he said. "Also, we have painted the elementary school and started painting at the high school. There is new carpet in the elementary school library and in the front office area."

Moseley said these type improvements make for a better learning environment for both the students and the teachers.

"Mr. Moseley demonstrates an awareness of problems and situations impacting the school system and makes every effort to

correct them in an expedited and professional manner," Wright said. "I found him to be an administrator who is totally committed to excellence. He is knowledgeable and effective in system management and supports the instructional programs to enhance student achievement."

The Elba Board of Education is expected to discuss Moseley's new contract during an upcoming board meeting. He currently is in his fourth year as the superintendent of schools for the Elba System.

Cuzin' Lou Lou had to take the week off... She will return next week with an all new tale from her adventures with Sister!

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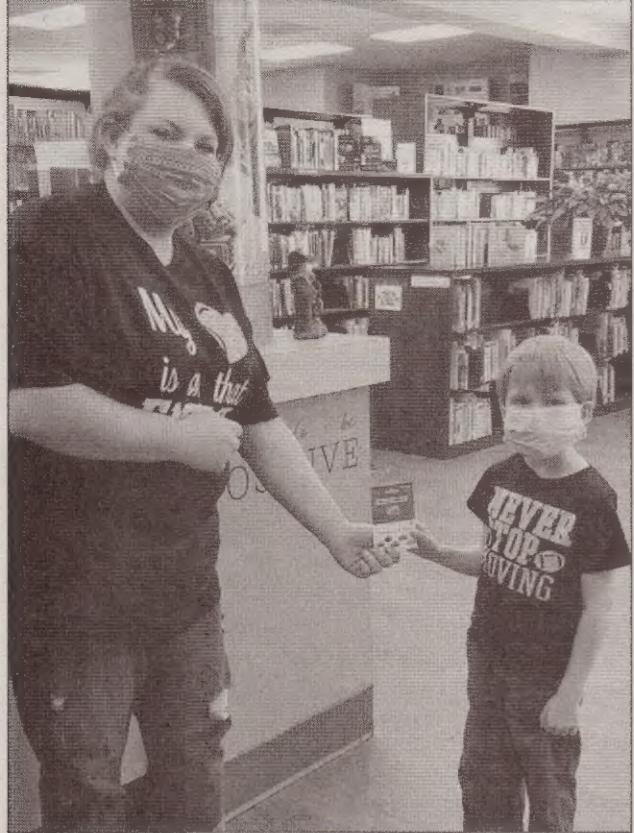
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SEPTEMBER WAS "GET A LIBRARY CARD" MONTH for the Elba Public Library. All names of those who applied for a new library card during the month of September were put into a drawing for a \$25 Dollar General gift card. The winner was Jacob Richards! Jacob's can buy lots of little surprises with that gift card!!! Shown presenting Jacob with his gift card is library staff member Jessica Dye.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Sept. 29, and Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Reese Ave (12:37 a.m.); Drug activity reported at Elba Villas on Caroline St (12:21 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30 – Unauthorized use of a vehicle reported at 622 Newton St (3:59 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 221 Davis St W (8:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported 335 Brunson Circle (10:08 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 402 Collier St (11:21 a.m.); Shots fired reported on Ann St (7:26 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 469 Claxton Ave N – an arrest was made (8:43 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Lee St (10:56 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 1 – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 141 (6:54 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 213 Taylor Ave (7:23 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Simmons St (8:37 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 213 Taylor Ave (12:50 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 200 Buford St (2:35 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (2:52 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (4:27 p.m.); Missing person reported at 412 Reese Ave (4:37 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 333 Plant Ave (5:10 p.m.). There was on traffic stop reported on this date with a verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2 – Prowler reported on Plant Ave (2:24 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 430 Plant Ave (2:44 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 655 Smith Ave (3:54 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (5:19 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 567 County Rd 502 (9:17 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 615 Jackson Ave (11:00 p.m.); Prowler reported on Hwy 87 (11:46 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCT. 3 – Theft of property reported at 1026 Caroline St (8:48 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1770 Hickman Ave (12:01 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on County Rd 342 (7:08 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 221 Davis St W (7:10 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 4 – Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (12:40 a.m.); Theft

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

EDLOW ELKIN WILLIAMSON

Mr. Edlow Elkin Williamson, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala. due to complications from COVID-19.



Elkin was the voice of the Elba Tigers for over 14 years. He coached Pee Wee football and baseball for many years.

Graveside services were held Oct. 5, 2020 at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Larry Mills and Rev. Will Jordan officiating. The Williamson family requested that contributions be made to the Elba Quarterback Club, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323 in honor of Mr. Williamson.

Elkin was preceded in death by his wife - Shirley Bryant Williamson, father - Shelby Stacey Williamson, mother - Anna Pearl Bryan Williamson, and sister - Mary Emma (Oren) Oglesby.

Survivors include his son: Tim (Tammy) Williamson, Troy, Ala.; daughter: Sonya (Stevie Boutwell) Williamson, Elba; granddaughters: Sydney Williamson, Wetumpka, Ala., and Savannah Williamson, Greensboro, N.C.; great-grandson: Eli White, Greensboro; sister: Sandra Williamson (Danny Floyd, Montgomery, Ala.); and brother: Evans (Sybil) Williamson, Troy.

He worked with the Dothan Police Department and Elba Police Department and later with the Alabama Department of Public Safety as a state trooper. In 1982 he transferred to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation Criminal division from which he retired in 2018. He then worked for the city of Monroeville in the Investigation Department.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Benson was preceded in death by his siblings - Mary A. Brooks, Nina Ruth "Easy Jesus" Ervin, Sarah M. Jones, Early B. Benson and Deacon James Benson. Survivors include his special companion for 34 years: Gracie Clausell, Monroeville; four daughters: Myra (Jammie) Thomas, Jacksonville, Ala., Elizabeth Thicklin (John), Haynesville, Ala., Brandi Walker, Dothan, Ala., and Brittany Phillips, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; three young men to whom he was a great father figure: Johnathan Clausell and Antonio Booker, both of Monroeville, and Marcus Clausell, Columbus, Ohio; one godson: Sergio Andrews, Monroeville; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four sisters including Mary Starks of Elba, and Phyllis Marton, Huntsville, Ala.; three brothers: Kimmie (Veronica) Benson Jr., Atlanta, Ga., Moses (Helen) Benson, Saginaw, Mich., and James Benson, Buffalo,

MARY JO ENGLISH

Mrs. Mary Jo English, age 101, of Gainesville, Fla., died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, with her daughter by her side.

Mary Jo was born July 23, 1919 in Chambers County, Ala., to E.F. and Minnie Chapman James.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at 2 p.m. [family will receive friends beginning at 1:30 p.m.] at University City Church of Christ, 4626 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, with Minister Jeff Robison officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in her name to Ayers Health and Rehabilitation Center, 606 NE 7th Street, Trenton, Florida 32693, or to University City Church of Christ.

To view the full obituary, visit Mary Jo's memorial page at www.williams-thomasfuneralhome.com

Mary Jo was preceded in

SIMON BENSON

Mr. Simon Benson, age 72, of Monroeville, Ala., died Sept. 23, 2020 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2020 at the Enterprise Civic Center.

Burial followed at Shiloh Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory directing.

Simon Benson was born

the 13th child to the late Druscilla and Kim B. (KB)

Benson on September

6,1948 in Elba, Ala.

He graduated from Mulberry High School. After completing high school, he served in the United States Army.

He worked with the Dothan Police Department and Elba Police Department and later with the Alabama Department of Public Safety as a state trooper. In 1982 he transferred to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation Criminal division from which he retired in 2018. He then worked for the city of Monroeville in the Investigation Department.

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years: Gracie Clausell,

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ters: Myra (Jammie)

Thomas, Jacksonville, Ala.,

Elizabeth Thicklin (John),

Haynesville, Ala., Brandi

Walker, Dothan, Ala., and

Brittany Phillips, Tusca-

loosa, Ala.; three young

men to whom he was a

great father figure: John-

athan Clausell and Antonio

Booker, both of Monroeville,

and Marcus Clausell,

Columbus, Ohio; one god-

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and James Benson, Buffalo,

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Mary Jo was preceded in

death by her beloved hus-

band of more than 52 years,

Lucius L. "Luke" English;

her son, H. Warren English;

five brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include her

daughter: Linda English;

a brother: Tommy H. James;

three grandchildren; nine

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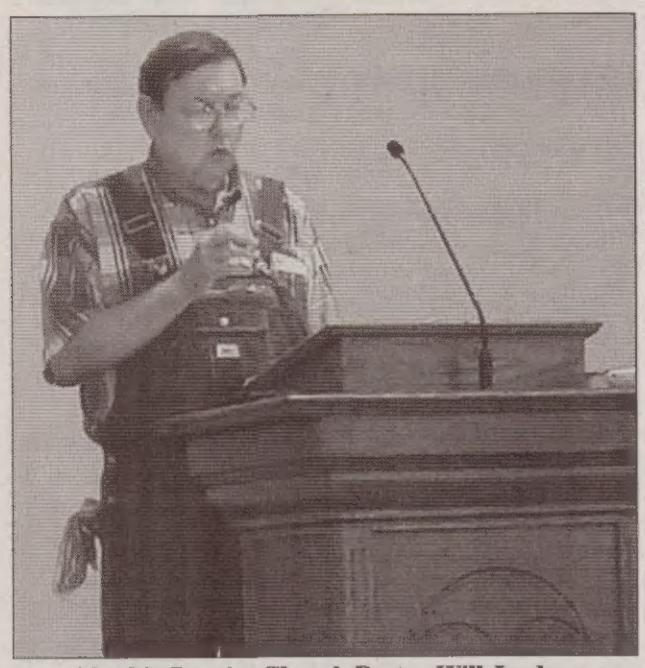
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CHURCH NEWS

Newbia Baptist Church celebrates "old timey" day



Newbia Baptist Church Pastor Will Jordan

Pastor's Corner

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God

Plagues. We really didn't understand them, until recently. Now, we're all seasoned experts. "Been there, done that" has become "Been there, and don't ever want to do that again."

Joel was pretty well versed in plagues, also. The introduction to Joel in the NLT Illustrated Study Bible refers to a different plague with familiar circumstances. It reads: "Joel prophesied to the people of Judah and Jerusalem in the midst of a catastrophe that threatened their very existence. A locust plague of unprecedented proportions had struck the land." Chapter one and the first half of chapter two are quite graphic; downright depressing. But, something changes in 2:18: "Then the Lord will pity his people and jealously guard the honor of his land." The balance of chapter two is filled with hope. Restoration, renewal, and rejoicing abound.

Of particular relevance to us in our time of plague, especially as Autumn has come, is 2:23-25: "Rejoice, for you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the Lord your God! For the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness. Once more the Autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of Spring. The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain, and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil. The Lord says, 'I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, and the cutting locusts.'"

There are so many applicable truths for us here. Among them:

1. God is faithful. He is very aware of every circumstance in our lives, from the petty to the plagues.

2. We should rejoice in his faithfulness, being careful to thank him for his care.

3. He will send rain (blessings) again. Droughts are temporary. Seasons change.

4. He will restore. Much has been lost through the past few months, but he "will give [us] back what [we] lost."

Years from now, we'll talk about the COVID plague of 2020. But, I believe that we'll also marvel at the grace and faithfulness of God, which overshadowed the plague. Now would be a great time to begin rejoicing.



Members Tim, Linda and Tuddie Harrison in attendance for Newbia Baptist Church's Old Timey Day held recently at the Coffee County Baptist Association's Vineyard Retreat.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic

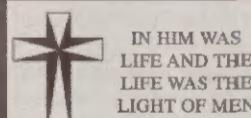
Elanor Baptist Church cancels 2020 Homecoming celebration

Elanor Baptist Church (3609 County Road 148, New Brockton, AL 36351) Homecoming celebration scheduled for October 18, 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.



AA/NA meetings held in Elba

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.



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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson wanted me to check his reading homework one afternoon last week, and even though it meant I had to read a short story, I did what he wanted and then proceeded to look at his answers to the questions. Wow! I had to re-read the story more than once to make sure some of my answers were correct before telling him I thought his answers were wrong, and the next day hated to ask him how he did on the homework for fear I had missed some of the questions. Thank goodness I don't have to go back to the fourth grade!

For what it is worth....

***** The Elba Tigers gave their playoff hopes** a much needed shot in the arm last week with a big 50-22 romp past previously undefeated Geneva County. I had talked with some of the Elba coaches during the week and could sense their confidence, but I doubt if even they thought the Tigers would be able to light up the scoreboard and post a lopsided win. The Elba offense was almost unstoppable in the game and could have easily scored at least two more touchdowns. The Tigers averaged almost 10 yards per carry on the ground and rolled up 462 yards of total offense in 48 plays. Not a bad average! The Tiger defense allowed some big plays early on, but made some adjustments at the half and tossed a shutout in the second half that helped turn the game into a blowout. Elba needed the win to keep its hopes of being at home in the opening round of the playoffs alive, and went out and did just what it needed to do against a very good opponent. It was just one win and should now be just a memory with another tough region game ahead, but it sure was fun on Friday night to be seated on the Elba side of the field.

***** It was another lackluster week** for the teams in the area as for the third straight week only the Brantley Bulldogs were only to claim a win. Here's a quick look back at the week that was....

**** Brantley rolled out to a 30-0 first quarter lead** and coasted in with a 50-0 region win on the road over Samson. The Bulldogs were never really challenged in the lopsided win and are putting their opponents away as early as possible to get experience for the future stars of the program.

**** Zion Chapel remained winless** with a 56-0 loss to G.W. Long. The Rebels have been devastated by injuries this season and many times had to know there was probably no way they could win, but they have never backed down and show up to play each and every Friday night.

**** Kinston trailed only 12-7 early**, but couldn't keep up the pace and dropped a 50-7 region loss to Florala. The Bulldogs are a physical, hard-nosed football team, but have always had problems stopping teams with speed, and that showed again last week in the loss.

**** New Brockton continued to struggle** on defense in a 55-21 region loss to Slocomb. The Gamecocks make no excuses and play hard for all four quarters, but until they can figure out a way to at least slow down their opponents the losses will continue to mount.

***** It was another exciting week of high school football** action with a number of games going down to the wire. Here's a look back at last week's action.... * Geneva scored on fourth down and 15 with 33-seconds left on the clock to stun Straughn 26-21 * Rehobeth scored on a 6-yard run on the final play of the game to battle past Greenville 19-16 * Prattville scored the tying touchdown with three minutes left and then scored the winning touchdown with one minute left to knock off Enterprise 35-28 * Opp's Hal Smith passed for 367 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for two scores in the Bobcats big 34-12 win over Providence Christian * Eufaula improved to 5-2 on the season in the 6A ranks with an easy 44-13 win over Valley * Daleville remained winless and not really competitive in a 52-6 loss to Wicksburg * Pike County saw a late lead vanish and slipped to 2-3 on the season with a 13-12 region loss to Montgomery Catholic * Charles Henderson continued its nightmare season with a 50-0 road loss to Pike Road * Andalusia

scored four second half touchdowns to improve its record to 4-3 with a 42-0 win over Headland * Goshen remained winless in Class 3A and has now been outscored 187-31 after being blown out by Dadeville 53-0 * Dothan remained winless in its inaugural season in Class 7A with a 63-27 home loss to Colquitt County * Abbeville remained in a second place tie in its region with a 32-22 win over Ariton, which lost for the fourth straight week.

***** I watched every play** of Alabama's win over Texas A & M and most of Auburn's loss to Georgia, and even though the Crimson Tide scored 52 points in its win I have to say the most impressive team to watch had to be the Bulldogs from over between the hedges. It seemed like Alabama was simply going through the motions at times in its win, although Mac Jones did prove he can throw the deep ball, and Auburn was just dominated in the first half and their new offensive coordinator was far from at his best with some of his play calls. For some reason there was just something missing at both games besides the fans, and maybe that is how it is going to be this season.

***** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped** by Saturday afternoon and was still ready to talk about Elba's big region win over Geneva County. He insisted he had changed his mind by mid-week and was telling everyone the Tigers would win, but I refused to give him a mulligan and told him his picks in the paper were the only thing that mattered. He complained again about having to make his picks almost an entire week before the games are played, but did leave this week's fearless forecast and said he was still having a pretty good season. The local guesspert went 25-4 last week, and is indeed having a good season.

ELBA VS. ABBEVILLE

The Pea River felines will hitch-hike across the four lane Thursday night looking to sneak in and sneak back out with a win without stirring up a nest of Yellowjackets that have been known to apply some real hurt to unsuspecting visitors. The felines will certainly get stung a few times during the trip, but the guess here is they will make it back home feeling good about bringing home a win.

ELBA 28 ABBEVILLE 26

KINSTON VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from down near the county line will be reinforcing the pens this week in preparation for a litter of kitties that have been invading stadiums all across the area. The dogs bark has been worse than its bite in recent weeks, and just maybe the bark will scare the kitties away. Nah.

MCKENZIE 27 KINSTON 24

ZION CHAPEL VS. ARITON

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be back in the bar-

racks this week getting a much needed rest as they get ready to go on a hunt for some funny colored kitties that are looking to cross the county line. If the troops can find enough ammunition they may have a chance at bagging a few of the kitties, but not enough to call the hunt a win.

ARITON 42 ZION CHAPEL 7

NEW BROCKTON VS. NORTHSIDE METHODIST

The roosters from over near the bypass don't have many feathers left after a recent dry spell on the gridiron and are hoping a change in scenery will make a difference when they head over to the Circle City. The choir from Dothan may be singing loudly early Friday night, but by late in the evening listen as the roosters finally get to crow.

NEW BROCKTON 40 NORTHSIDE METHODIST 30

BRANTLEY VS. GEORGIANA

The bulldogs from up above the creek have made the season little more than a weekly picnic since the opening kickoff weeks ago, and this week will carry the picnic baskets up the road to Butler County with plans to celebrate another big win. Let the party continue.

BRANTLEY 47 GEORGIANA 6

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Friday night at Abbeville

Tigers hope to avoid sting from 'Jackets

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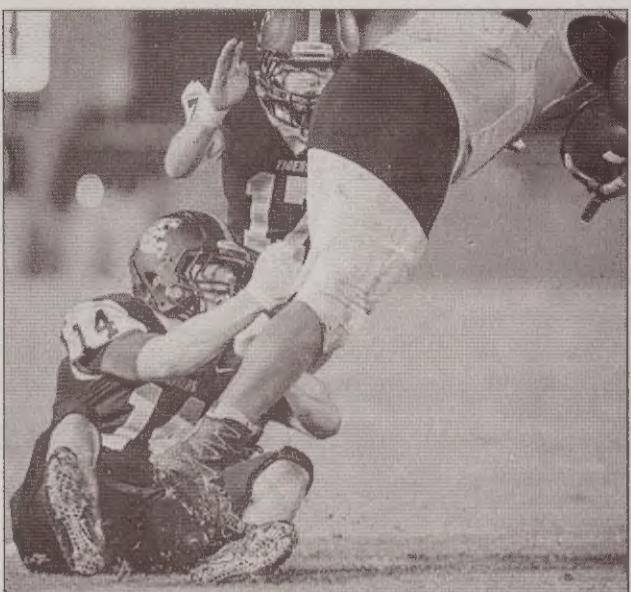
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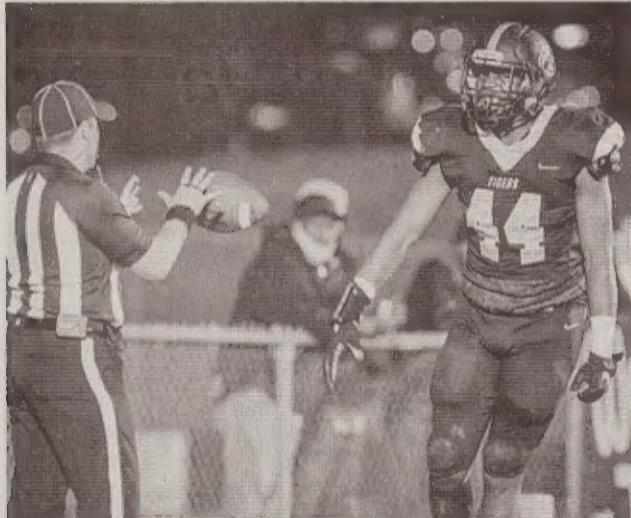
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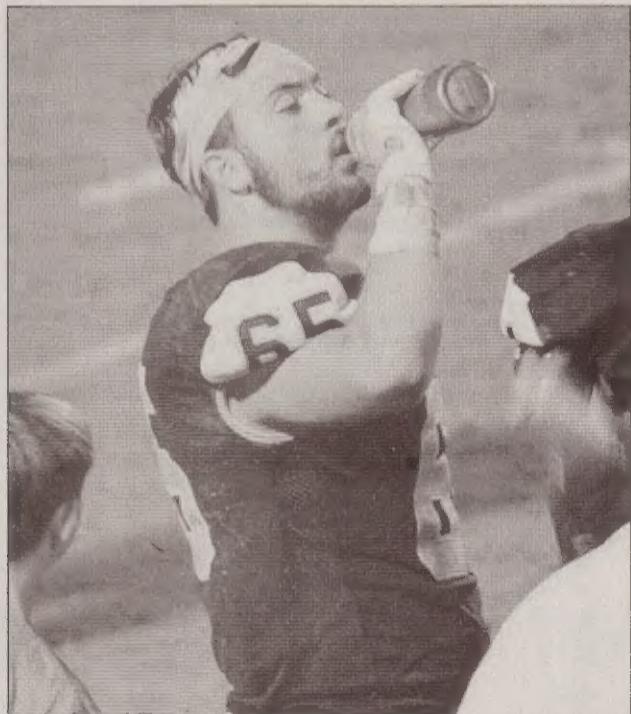
Elba Tiger Caden Adkins (14) hangs on to a Geneva County runner and makes the stop in last week's 50-22 region win.



Elba Marching Tiger band member needed a hoodie last week as the temperatures dropped late in the game in the Tigers 50-22 win over Geneva County.



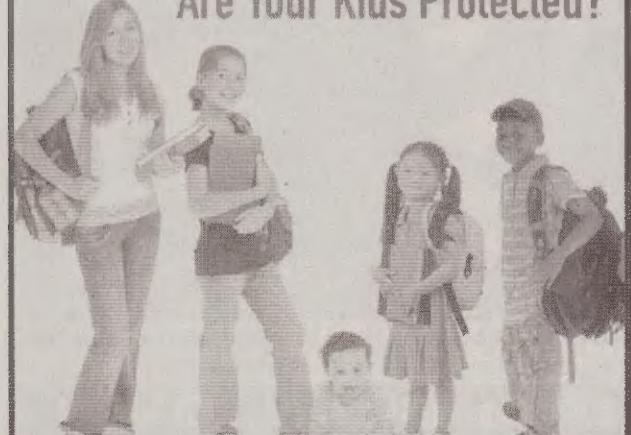
Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (44) flips the ball to an official after crossing the goalline for a touchdown in last week's 50-22 region win over the Geneva County Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger Collin Sauls (65) takes a drink from a water bottle during a timeout late in the first half of last week's game.

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For key region win

Tigers knock off Geneva County 50-22

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on all five first half possessions to take a 34-22 halftime lead and the defense tossed a shutout in the second half as the Tigers pulled away to pound the previously undefeated Geneva County Bulldogs 50-22, Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

Elba received the opening kickoff and set the tone for the wild first quarter as the Tigers marched 54 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard. Collin Harrison rushed for 15 yards on three carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Iverson Lane rushed for 34 yards on two carries and capped the drive with a 25-yard scoring dash. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 8:05 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 6-0.

Geneva County began its first offensive series at its own 26-yardline and needed only one play to answer the early Elba score as on the Bulldogs first play from scrimmage Ken'l Preyer burst through a hole at the line of scrimmage and raced 74 yards untouched for a touchdown. A two-point run failed to produce points, and with 7:26 left in the quarter the score was tied at 6-6.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 41-yardline and this time the Tigers went 59 yards in eight running plays to regain the lead. Jacquie Prince rushed for 29 yards on three carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on an 18-yard scamper, and while a two-point pass fell incomplete, Elba was back on top 12-6 with 2:55 remaining in the quarter.

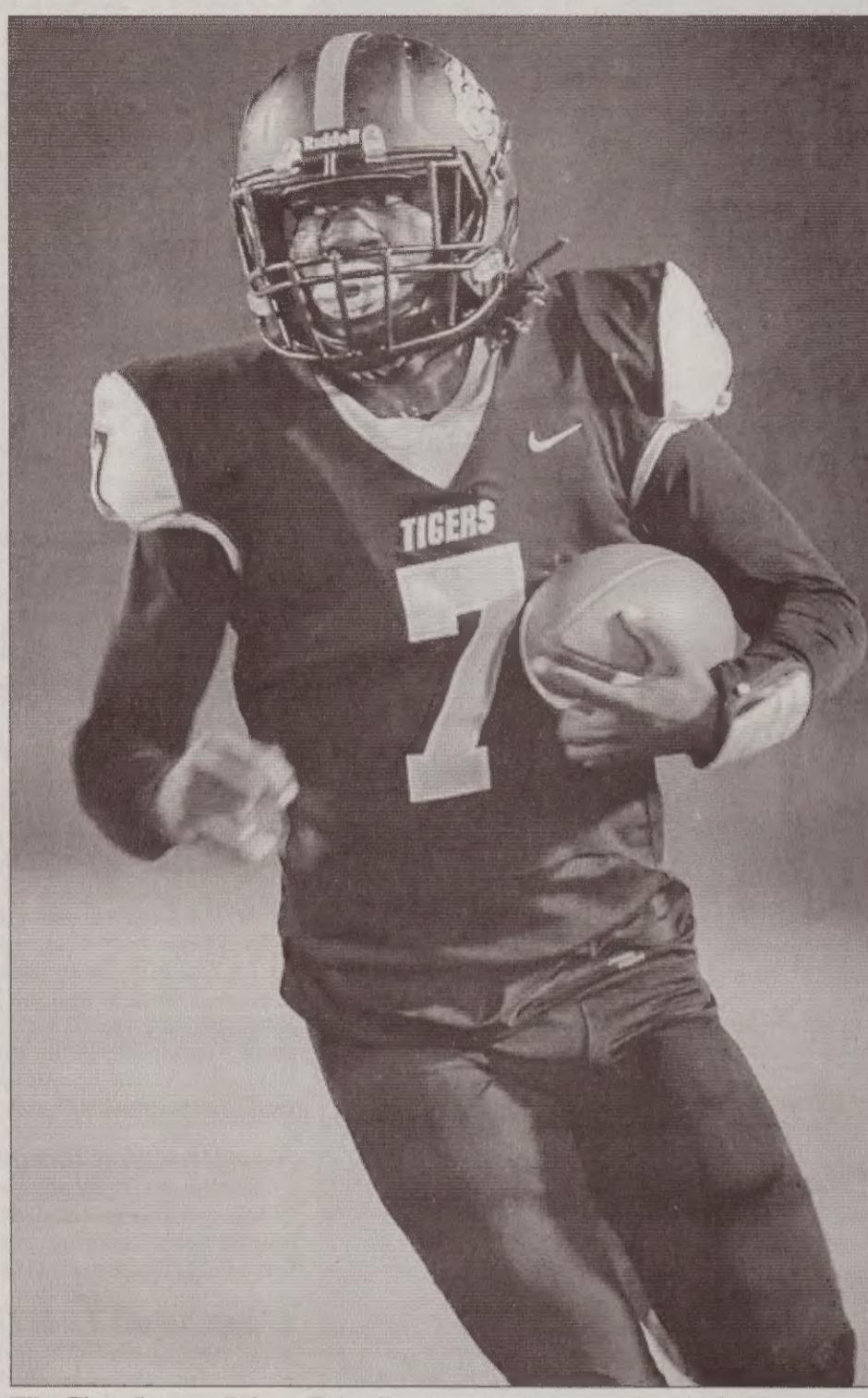
Geneva County didn't stay down for long; however, as the Bulldogs needed only two plays to cover 86 yards to the endzone. The score came on an 86-yard pass from William Birdsong to Colby Fuller, and Birdsong passed to Fuller for the two-point conversion, as the Bulldogs went on top 14-12 with 1:40 left in the quarter.

The scoring wasn't through in the wild first quarter, as Elba regained possession near midfield and went 51 yards in three plays to go back on top. A 22-yard sweep by Chrystyle Caldwell on first down sparked the quick scoring drive, while the score came on a 29-yard dash by Collin Harrison. Harrison also ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers regained the lead at 20-14 with 52 seconds still left in the high-scoring opening quarter.

Elba began its next offensive series at its own 22-yardline following a Bulldog punt and this time went 78 yards in eight plays to extend its lead. Jacquie Prince rushed for 38 yards on three carries and completed a pass to Collin Harrison for 11 yards to lead the Tigers down the field, while Harrison scored the Tiger touchdown on a 1-yard run. A two-point run failed to add points, but with 7:00 left in the second quarter Elba's lead had grown to 26-14.

Geneva County began its ensuing possession at its own 26-yardline and the Bulldogs promptly went 74 yards in nine plays to get back into the endzone. A 55-yard pass from William Birdsong to Colby Fuller was a key play in the long scoring drive, as were two penalties against the Elba secondary, while the score came on a 6-yard run by Chico Cotton. Colby Fuller passed to Cotton on the two-point conversion, and with 1:14 remaining in the fourth quarter the Tigers were on top 50-22.

Elba had a chance to add to its lead late in the game and reached the Geneva County 8-yardline after a 30-yard pass from Jacquie Prince to JT Coleman, but a high snap foiled the potential scoring march, and at the final horn Elba celebrated the impressive 50-22



Elba Tiger Jacquie Prince (7) is off and running in last week's big 50-22 region win over Geneva County. Prince rushed for 162 yards and 3 touchdowns, passed for 91 yards and one touchdown and made five tackles and had a pass interception in the big win.

half Elba's lead had been chopped to 26-22.

Elba began its next series at its own 43-yardline after a 28-yard kickoff return by Collin Harrison, and from there the Tigers went 57 yards in four plays and needed only 40-seconds to add to their lead. A 31-yard pass from Jacquie Prince to John Martin Wilson got the drive off to a fast start, with the score coming on a 19-yard touchdown toss from Prince to Chrystyle Caldwell. Harrison ran in the two-point conversion, and with 34-seconds left on the clock Elba owned a 34-22 advantage.

Elba had a 28-yard touchdown run by Jacquie Prince nullified by a penalty flag early in the third quarter, but the Tigers regained possession at midfield only minutes later on a pass interception by Prince, and this time Elba covered the 51 yards to the endzone in five plays to increase its lead.

A 30-yard halfback pass from John Martin Wilson to Chrystyle Caldwell was a key play in the scoring drive, while Collin Harrison rushed for 21 yards on five carries and capped the drive with a 1-yard scoring run. Prince ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers lead grew to 42-22 with 1:35 remaining in the quarter.

Elba began its next offensive series at the Geneva County 21-yardline after a 56-yard interception return by Chrystyle Caldwell, and it took the Tigers one play to get back into the endzone as on first down Jacquie Prince broke loose and raced 21 yards for a touchdown. Prince also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 10:06 remaining in the fourth quarter the Tigers were on top 50-22.

Elba had a chance to add to its lead late in the game and reached the Geneva County 8-yardline after a 30-yard pass from Jacquie Prince to JT Coleman, but a high snap foiled the potential scoring march, and at the final horn Elba celebrated the impressive 50-22

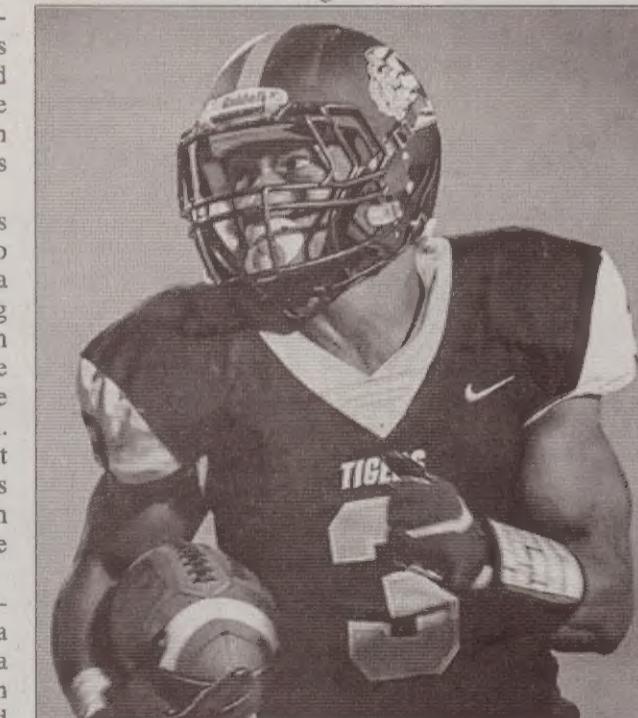
region win. Jacquie Prince rushed for 162 yards and 3 touchdowns on 14 carries and completed 4 of 8 passes for 91 yards and 1 td to spark the Elba offense, while Collin Harrison rushed for 84 yards and 3 td's on 16 carries, Iverson Lane added 56 yards on six carries and Chrystyle Caldwell caught two passes for 49 yards and one td. The Tiger defense was led by Chrystyle Caldwell with 9 tackles and 1 pass interception, while Jacquie Prince added 5 stops and a pass interception and Elijandro Gomez added 4 stops.

Ken'l Preyer rushed for 85 yards and 1 td on seven carries to lead Geneva County on the ground, while William Birdsong completed 7 of 16 passes for 197 yards and 1 td, with Colby Fuller pulling in 4 passes for 163 yards and 1 td. Ken'l Preyer rushed for 85 yards and 1 td on seven carries to lead Geneva County on the ground, while William Birdsong completed 7 of 16 passes for 197 yards and 1 td, with Colby Fuller pulling in 4 passes for 163 yards and 1 td.

Elba vs Abbeville Game moved to Thursday Night, Oct. 8th!

Kickoff in
Abbeville is set
for 7 p.m.

**Change was made
due to potential
inclement weather on
Friday night.



Elba Tiger Iverson Lane (3) eyes room to run in last week's region win over Geneva County. Lane rushed for 56 yards on six carries in the key region win over the Bulldogs.

The yardstick....

EL	GC
21 1st Downs	10
39-341 Rushes-Yds.	27-158
121 Passing Yds.	197
462 Total Offense	355
5-9-0 Passes	7-16-2
1/ Fumbles/Lost	0/0
0-0 Punts-Ave.	4-40
8-56 Penalties-Yds.	12-84

SPORTS NEWS

Brantley Bulldogs slam Samson 50-0

Statistics by Maxpreps
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs jumped out to a 30-0 first quarter lead and never looked back in a 50-0 region win over the Samson Tigers, in Samson.

The Bulldogs moved on top early on a 20-yard field goal by Carson Jones and then got their offense cranked up as Tucker Kilcrease tossed a 26-yard touchdown strike to Daquan Pittman and a pair of td tosses to Kenwyn Dixon covering 22 and 16 yards. Dixon returned a Samson fumble 31 yards for a Brantley score, Robert Shine returned a blocked punt 60 yards for a score, and Tucker Kilcrease rushed for touchdowns of 10 and 32 yards to round out the scoring.

Tucker Kilcrease completed 17 of 22 passes for 226 yards and 4 td's to lead the Bulldog offense, while Kenwyn Dixon pulled in 4 passes for 52 yards and 2 td's and Daquan Pittman had 4 catches for 68 yards and 1 td.

Volleyball Roundup 'At The Net'

Elba Junior flattens Flora

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers made it look easy in a 25-8, 25-13 win over Flora. A'Lyric Whitfield had 4 aces to lead the Lady Tigers, while Ayrika Caldwell added 3 aces; Destinee Tidwell, Amaia Vargas and Alayvia Stinson all added 2 aces; and, Anna Caldwell added 1 ace.

Flora Lady Cats edge Elba

The Flora Lady Cats edged the Elba Lady Tigers 25-13, 25-17, 21-25, 25-19. Danaeja Flowers had 3 aces, 2 kills and 1 block to lead the Lady Tigers, while Mikenzy Hooks added 2 aces, 2 kills and 1 block; Andrya Chism added 5 aces and 2 blocks; Jasmine Magwood added 3 aces and 3 digs; Victori Edwards added 1 ace and 2 digs; and, Nevaeh Sanders added 3 aces.

New Brockton dumps Henderson

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks posted a 25-20, 25-23 win over Charles Henderson. Anna Clark had 8 kills to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Justie Ellis added 11 assists and Shelby Hobbs added 20 digs.

Ariton downs Lady Gamecocks

The Ariton Lady Cats posted an impressive 25-11, 25-9 win over New Brockton. Shelby Hobbs had 17 digs to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Jaylin Vera added 15 digs.

Lady Bulldogs slam Samson

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 25-19, 25-19, 21-25, 25-17 win over Samson. Macie Smith had 5 aces on 18 serves to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Sarah Beth Long added 36 assists, and Faith Peters added 10 kills.

Lady Eagles ease past Kinston

The Pleasant Home Lady Eagles needed five sets to get past the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 21-25, 25-11, 22-25, 25-23, 15-7. Macie Smith had 4 aces on 23 serves to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Faith Peters added 8 kills and 5 blocks, and Sarah Beth Long added 38 assists.

Kinston JV split two matches

The Kinston Junior Varsity split a pair of matches with a 26-24, 19-25, 15-13 win over Samson and a 14-25, 21-25 loss to Pleasant Home. In the win over Samson, Cameron Whigham had 2 aces and 11 assists, Claire McReynolds added 3 aces, and Baylee Smith and Danielle Cain both added 4 kills. In the loss to Pleasant Home, Claire McReynolds had 25 assists.

Jr. Lady Bulldogs fall to Lady Eagles

The Kinston Junior High Lady Bulldogs lost to Pleasant Home 8-25, 18-25. Lili Sumbin had 11 assists to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Red Level tames Lady Tigers

Red Level rolled to a 25-23, 25-10, 25-16 straight set win over the Elba Lady Tigers. Jasmine Magwood had 2 aces, 1 kill, 1 block and 6 digs to lead the Lady Tigers, while Mikenzy Hooks added 3 kills and 1 dig; Andrya Chism added 1 ace, 1 kill and 4 blocks; Victori Edwards added 2 aces; Sha'Vaughnne Smith added 1 kill; Haley Wilkerson added 2 blocks; and, Emily Richardson added 2 kills and 2 blocks. The Elba JV Lady Tigers dropped a hard fought 23-25, 23-25 decision to Red Level. Destinee Tidwell had 2 aces and 1 dig to lead the Lady Tigers, while Ayrika Caldwell added 4 aces and 1 dig. A'Lyric Whitfield added 5 aces and 6 digs, and Mary Kelley, Alayvia Stinson, Keelie Moseley and Lynlee Free all added 1 dig.

Kinston sweeps Lady Cats

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 25-15, 25-6, 25-10 sweep over Flora. Macie Smith had 7 aces to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Faith Peters added 5 kills and Sarah Beth Long added 22 assists. Macie Smith had 7 aces on 30 serves. The Kinston JV posted a solid 25-6, 25-15 win over Flora, with Aubrie Brown posting 4 kills and Cameron Whigham handing out 7 assists. Baylee Smith had one ace on 10 serves.

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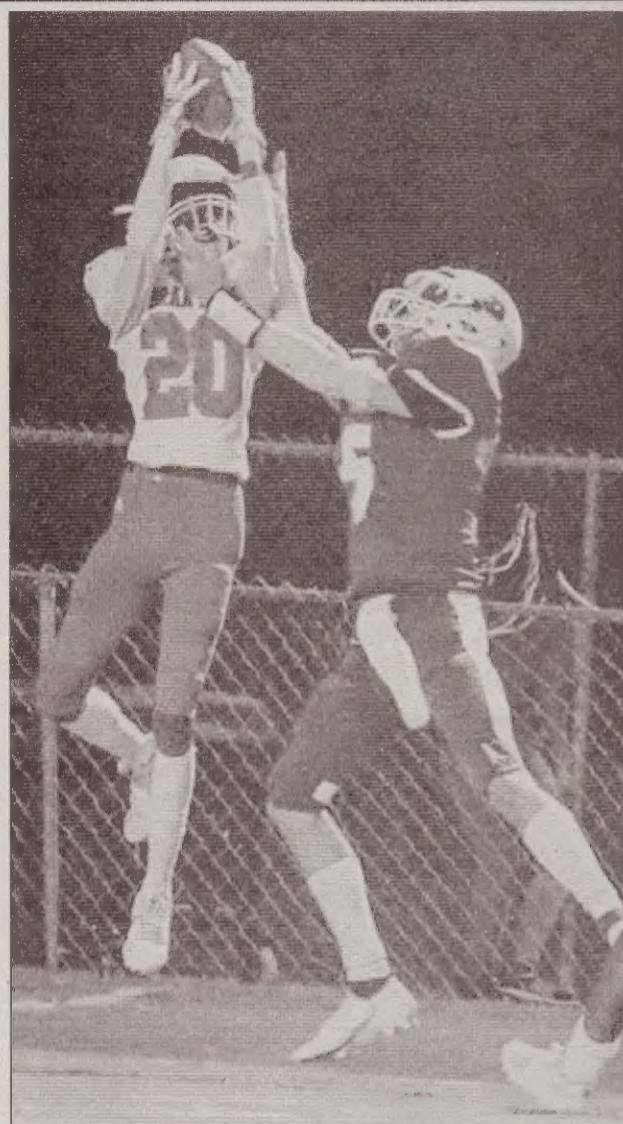
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G.W. Long sweeps Lady Tigers

The defending state champion G.W. Long Lady Rebels swept the Elba Lady Tigers 25-4, 25-10, 25-14. Makenna Long had 3 kills, 4 digs and 42 assists to lead the Lady Rebels, while Breanna Henning added 13 kills and 2 aces.



Brantley Bulldog Khalil Smith (20) goes high to pull in a pass in last week's 50-0 region road win over Samson. The Bulldogs will travel to Georgiana this week region action.



Zion Chapel's JD Finger and Ace Childs talk things over during a break in the action in last week's 56-0 region loss to G.W. Long.

Rebels blanked 56-0

Statistics by Joey Arnold

Photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Skipperville Friday night to battle the unbeaten G.W. Long Rebels and were simply outmanned from the start as they dropped a 56-0 decision to remain winless on the season.

G.W. Long scored four touchdowns in the opening stanza to grab an early 26-0 lead. The Rebel touchdowns came on a 20-yard run by Trevor Morris, a 16-yard pass from Kobie Stringer to Hunter Whitehead, a 45-yard punt return by Kobie Stringer and an 11-yard pass from Stringer to Morris.

Trey Patton returned an interception 19 yards and Braden Whitehead pulled in a 4-yard scoring pass from Stringer as the Rebels carried a 40-0 lead into the half, while a 38-yard touchdown toss to Hayes Horn and a safety pushed the lead to 49-0 in the third quarter.

The final G.W. Long points came on a 3-yard run by Grant Horn midway in the fourth quarter, and at the final horn the hometown Rebels celebrated the big 56-0 win.

JD Finger had 137 yards in kickoff returns to lead Zion Chapel.

The yardstick....

ZC	GWL
1	1st Downs
19(-39)	Rushes-Yds.
0	Passing Yds.
-39	Total Offense
0-5-1	Passes
5-19	Punts-Ave.
4/0	Fumbles/Lost
5-30	Penalties-Yds.



Zion Chapel Marching Band member Briana Davis performs at halftime at last week's region road game.

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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Bulldog Konner Walker (25) breaks into the open and heads upfield in last week's 50-7 region loss to Florala. Walker rushed for 88 yards on eight carries in the loss.

Gamecocks caged by Slocumb 55-21

Statistics by Brandon 'Speedy' White
Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw an early 6-0 lead vanish quickly in a 55-21 region loss to the Slocumb Red Tops, Friday night at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and went 70 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard. Kaden Cupp rushed for 51 yards on three carries to lead the Gamecocks down the field, and it was Cupp that crossed the goal line on a 25-yard scamper. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 9:51 remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks were already on top 6-0.

Slocumb's Jaylen Nobles returned the ensuing kickoff 43 yards to set the Red Tops up at the New Brockton 37-yardline, and Slocumb took advantage of the short field to grab the lead. The Red Top touchdown came on a 26-yard run by Rashawn Miller, and Asael Morin kicked the extra-point to put Slocumb on top 7-6 with 8:26 left in the quarter.

Slocumb began its next possession at the New Brockton 39-yardline after a Gamecock punt and covered the distance in just three plays to add to its lead. Jaylen Nobles rushed for 33 yards on two carries to lead the Red Tops to the endzone, and scored the touchdown on an 11-yard run. The extra-point try failed, but Slocumb was on top 13-6 with 4:26 remaining in the quarter.

The Red Tops next possession began at their own 27-yardline, and from there it took Slocumb only four plays to get back into the

endzone. Jaylen Nobles scored the touchdown on a 55-yard dash, and Morin added the extra-point as the Red Tops lead grew to 20-6 with 25-seconds left in the first quarter.

Slocumb regained possession near midfield after a defensive stop and this time went 55 yards in three plays to extend its advantage. Jaylen Nobles scored the Red Tops touchdown on a 45-yard run, and Morin kicked the extra-point as their lead went to 27-6 with 7:01 remaining in the second quarter.

New Brockton was forced to punt on its ensuing possession, but got the ball back on a defensive stop near midfield and took advantage of the short field to cut into the Slocumb lead. A 12-yard dash by Coleman. The extra-point attempt was successful. However, with 3:23 left in the quarter the Wildcats lead was up to 12-0.

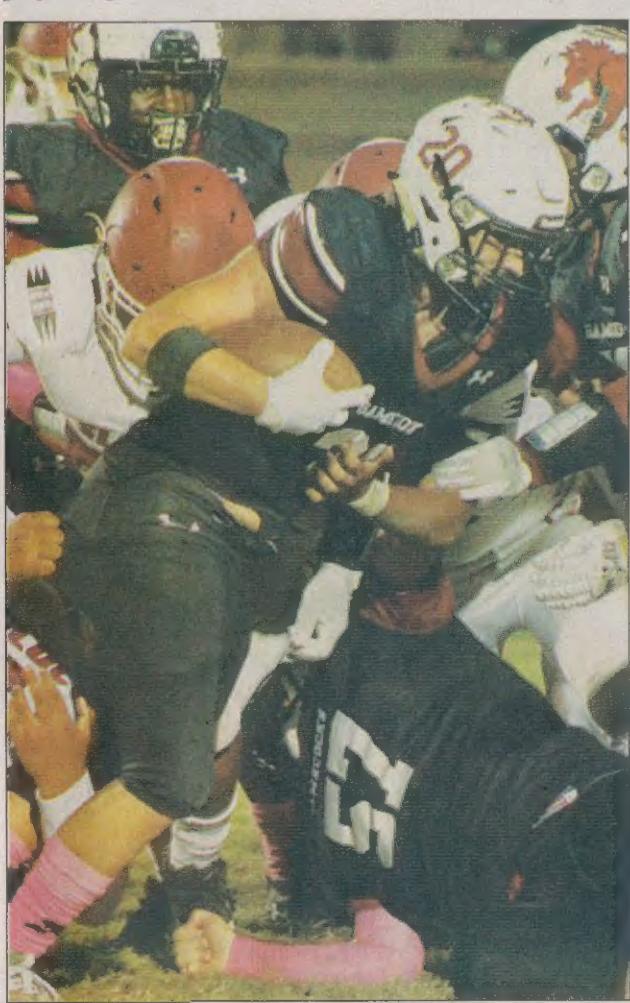
New Brockton began its ensuing possession at its own 32-yardline, and the Gamecocks gave their faithful something to cheer about when on the first play of the possession Kaden Cupp connected with Brandon Johnson. Jacob Bustamante booted the extra-point, and with 25-seconds left in the half the Gamecocks trailed 27-13.

Slocumb received its second half kickoff and went 43 yards in just one play to regain command. The Red Tops touchdown came on a 43-yard pass from Rashawn Miller to Jacob Spence, and Morin again added the extra-point as the Red Tops lead grew to 34-13 with 11:40 left in the third quarter.

Slocumb regained possession at its own 40-yardline after a Gamecock punt and needed only two plays to cover the 60 yards to the endzone, with the score coming on an 11-yard run by Gabe Hall. Morin's extra-point was true, and with 8:48 left in the quarter

Kaden Cupp completed 9 of 32 passes for 127 yards and 2 touchdowns and rushed for 51 yards and one TD on 20 carries to lead New Brockton, while Braylon Carr completed his only pass attempt for 16 yards. Jordan Tacey rushed for 40 yards on 10 carries, Brandon Johnson pulled in 4 passes for 88 yards and 2 TD's, and Colton Marsh had 2 catches for 31 yards. The Gamecock defense was led by Karyn McNabb, John Clay Reynolds, Michael Siniard and Tra Boland, all with 5 tackles, while Colton Marsh and Jack Royce both had 4 stops and a forced fumble.

Jaylen Nobles rushed for 133 yards and 3 TD's on seven carries to lead Slocumb, while Rashawn Miller rushed for 118 yards and 3 TD's on eight carries.



New Brockton Gamecock Julian Nobles (20) fights for yardage in last week's 55-21 region loss to Slocumb.

Kinston clawed by 'Cats 50-7

Statistics by Dickey Adcock
Photos by Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs scored late in the first quarter to throw a brief scare into the undefeated Florala Wildcats, but never again found their way into the endzone as the high-powered Wildcats pulled away to claim a 50-7 region win, Friday night in Kinston.

Kinston received the opening kickoff and behind the running of Addison Hudson and Jeb Crosby drove to a first down at the Florala 38-yardline before being stopped on a fourth down and one at the Wildcat 27-yardline.

Florala took over at its own 31-yardline and needed only one play to cover the 69 yards to the endzone as on its first play from scrimmage Rashaad Coleman connected with Austin Howell on a 69-yard touchdown toss. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 7:19 left in the quarter the Wildcats were already on the scoreboard with a 6-0 lead.

Slocumb got the ball right back on another Gamecock punt and this time went 67 yards in two plays to reach paydirt. The Red Tops touchdown came on a 67-yard scamper by Caulin Thomas, and Morin's extra-point was again true as Slocumb moved ahead 48-13 with 3:32 left in the quarter.

Slocumb's next offensive series began at the Red Tops 47-yardline and this time it took the Red Tops six plays to get back into the endzone. The score came on a 12-yard dash by Coleman. The extra-point attempt was successful. However, with 3:23 left in the quarter the Wildcats lead was up to 12-0.

Kinston began its ensuing possession at its own 29-yardline following a Bulldog punt and this time went 74 yards in five plays to get back into the endzone. A 44-yard pass from Coleman to Zaccus Reese after a quarterback sack on first down, and while a two-point pass failed to produce points, the 'Cats lead was up to 26-7 with 4:47 left in the half.

Florala regained possession at its own 26-yardline following a Bulldog punt and this time went 86 yards in ten plays to add to its lead. Zaccus Reese rushed for 78 yards on six carries and scored the Wildcat touchdown on a 14-yard dash, and Reese also ran in the two-point conversion as Florala upped its lead to 37-7 with 8:31 remaining in the third quarter.

Florala received the second half kickoff and went 86 yards in ten plays to add to its lead. Zaccus Reese rushed for 78 yards on six carries and scored the Wildcat touchdown on a 14-yard dash, and Reese also ran in the two-point conversion as the Wildcats carried a 50-7 lead into the final stanza.

Kinston's Konner Walker



Kinston Bulldog Addison Hudson (15) crosses the goal line for a touchdown in last week's region clash with Florala. Hudson rushed for 102 yards and one score in the homefield loss.

three plays later was right back in the endzone. The Wildcat touchdown came on a 46-yard pass from Rashaad Coleman to Reese after a quarterback sack on first down, and while a two-point pass failed to produce points, the 'Cats lead was up to 26-7 with 4:47 left in the half.

Florala received the second half kickoff and went 86 yards in ten plays to add to its lead. Zaccus Reese rushed for 78 yards on six carries and scored the Wildcat touchdown on a 14-yard dash, and Reese also ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs reached the Florala 3-yardline. However, a penalty backed the 'Dogs up and four plays later they gave the ball back to the 'Cats.

Kinston drove back into Florala territory on the game's final possession behind the running of Jeb Crosby and Jayson Mikel, but the Bulldogs again failed to reach the endzone and at the final horn Florala left the field with a 50-7 region win.

Addison Hudson rushed for 102 yards on 23 carries and scored one touchdown to lead the Kinston offense, while Konner Walker added 88 yards on 8 carries and Jeb Crosby rushed for 71 yards on 11 carries.

Zaccus Reese rushed for 148 yards and 3 TD's on 12 carries and caught two passes for 90 yards and one TD to spark Florala, while Rashad Coleman completed 11 of 19 passes for 317 yards and 3 TD's, with Anthony Stone pulling in four passes for 107 yards and one score.



Kinston Bulldog football coach Rudy Free talks with officials during a time out in last week's region contest against Florala.

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Coffee County Republican Women to meet Oct. 21st

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is a member of the Trump Presidential Campaign Coalition Advisory Board and is the author of the best-selling book, Frederick Douglass Republicans.

Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$12 buffet served by club employees begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately noon. Social distancing will be observed, and masks should be worn except while eating.

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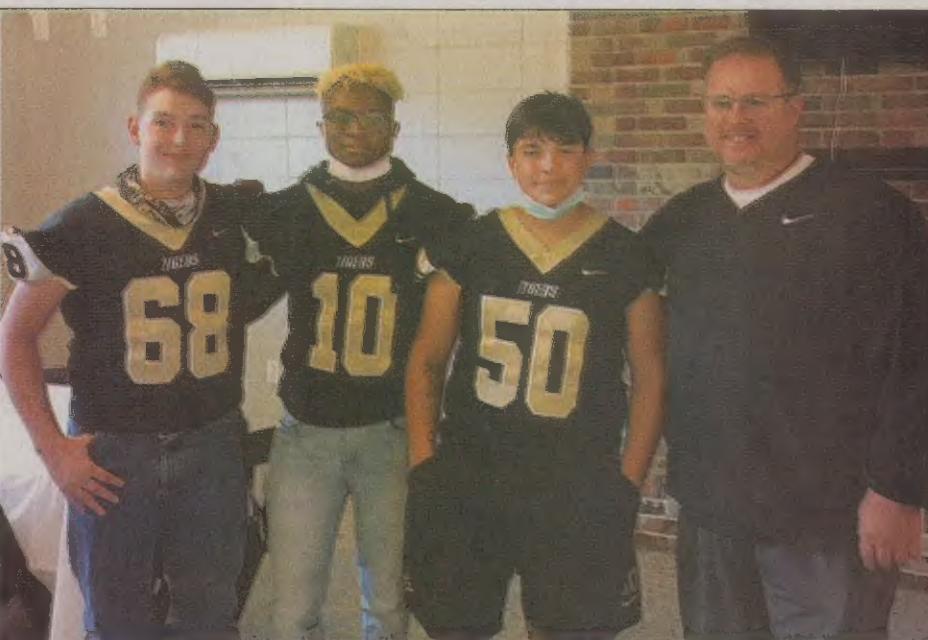
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Players of the Week recognized last week by Coach Marc Sieving (right) were Whit Shehee, JT Coleman, and Marcos Gomez.

Three hard working 'team players' recognized during Elba Quarterback Club meeting held Friday, Oct. 2nd

During the Elba Quarterback Club 'game day' lunch meeting Friday, Oct. 2, Coach Marc Sieving recognized three players for their recent play and dedication to the team.

Sophomore JT Coleman (10) was named a 'Player of the Week' for Elba's football program, and Coach Sieving said he is a young guy with lots of potential. He said Coleman is averaging about 14 yards per carry when he gets the ball on offense. Also, the coach said Coleman is an emerging force on defense for the Tigers too.

Junior Whit Shehee (68) is a player that Coach Sieving said can play almost any position on the field, especially in the offensive line. He said Shehee is not a big guy, but he is a smart player. That, according to Sieving, is what makes Shehee a successful player for the Tigers program.

Also, he said Shehee's work ethic is second to none.

Senior Marcos Gomez (50) was the third player honored as a 'Player of the Week' by Coach Sieving. He said Gomez is a guy that does a great job for his team always doing whatever is asked of him. More importantly though Sieving said Gomez is an excellent student with aspirations of going to Troy University after high school and studying to become a lawyer.

Sieving joked that Gomez already has his first client in assistant coach Al Gilmore.

Looking back at Elba's loss to Class 3A Providence Christian, Sieving said it was a disappointing loss.

"It stings extra when you feel like you helped them beat you," he said. "Four of our six turnovers in the game were unforced."

Coach Sieving also noted the team had an unacceptable number of bad snaps on offense in the game.

"When you have six turnovers and only lose by one touchdown, in my opinion, you should still win the game," Sieving said.

He said he takes full responsibility for the unnecessary mistakes made by the Tigers in that loss. However, he said the players want to win and they want to improve, and that had been the focus for the team during the week at practice.

"Our main goal is to improve and win," he said.

Sieving said he felt the team had a good

game plan in place to take on Geneva County.

The Tigers went on Friday night to defeat the previously unbeaten Geneva County Bulldogs by a final score of 50-22. Next up for the Tigers is region opponent Abbeville this Thursday night, Oct. 8, in Abbeville.



Marlin "Scooter" Dyess speaks at Elba QB Club meeting...

Marlin "Scooter" Dyess, a 1955 graduate of Elba High School spoke Friday, Oct. 2, during the Elba Quarterback Club 'game day' meeting.

Dyess' nephew, Johnny, is an assistant coach currently for the Elba Tigers. He said he grew up hearing the stories of his Uncle Marlin's accomplishments as a football player at Elba High School and then in college at the University of Alabama.

His junior and senior years at Elba Dyess was an integral part of undefeated seasons for the Tigers, and he was a two-time state champion at Elba in the 50's.

Dyess was a sophomore heading into his junior year when legendary Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant came to Alabama, and he shared several stories about Coach Bryant with the quarterback club members last Friday. He was named a captain on Coach Bryant's second team at Alabama.

Coach Bryant also tagged Dyess with his "Scooter" nickname that remains with him even today.

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